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Our pictures show, top: NSW defender Van Blerk hovering above Manchester forward Aston. Below: NSW goalie Corry fingertips a header from Manchester starlet Kidd over the bar.



CELTIC MAY PLAY HERE IN '68

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Manchester United have not even gone yet but the ASF is already planning for the 1968 touring season.

Even at this very early stage it looks probable that Australian fans will see yet another crack outfit next year.

The Australian Federation, at its Executive Meeting in Sydney last weekend, decided to approach Real Madrid, Benfica or Celtic to tour next winter.

The ASF is aware that it cannot hope to get Real Madrid or Benfica at the current rates agreed to by Manchester United, but they need have no worries.

The phenomenal success of the Manchester United tour, which will net a record profit, has shown that the world's top teams are assured to draw near-capacity crowds wherever they appear in Australia.

Benfica, Real, or Celtic would draw enough spectators at the gate to cover match fees, all expenses, and still show a handsome profit.

Benfica, with Eusebio — a household name in soccer — would draw 35,000 people in Sydney and Melbourne.

Celtic would be a better drawcard than the Scottish XI which toured recently, and since that "scratch" team attracted 35,000 spectators in Sydney, the newly-crowned European champions, playing at the Sydney Cricket Ground, would be a "magnet" to draw at least 10,000 more.

As for Real Madrid, despite their recent decline in world soccer, they would be the greatest drawcard of all.

However, there could be one hitch if Real or Benfica agreed to tour Australia: neither club favors a long-drawn tour.

Even when they tour South America, they only play four matches at the most.

They may not agree to take on the traditional eight-match tour of Australia and may insist on paying us only a brief visit, and some States may have to miss out.

A crowd of 40,000 in Sydney and 35,000 in Melbourne would bring \$80,000 at the gate and allow the ASF to make a fair profit.

Celtic, like Manchester United, may be persuaded to undertake a lengthy tour at special "concession" rates, for the sake of the ties that bind us to Britain.

Although negotiations with the three clubs are still

a fair way off, Celtic, at this stage, have the edge and appear the likeliest tourists for 1968.

Despite the hurly-burly of the current Manchester United tour, ASF secretary Ian McAndrew is also engaged in completing bookings for the Australian national team's tour of Asia, later in the year.

ASF secretary Ian McAndrew said this week he expected to complete all negotiations with Asian countries by the end of July, allowing the national team plenty of time to start preparing for the tour.

The Australian Federation is in constant touch with many Asian Associations, but so far no firm dates for any matches have been set.

The Associations of Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Iran, Thailand and South Korea have all expressed a desire to invite the Australians but agreement still hasn't been reached regarding terms and match dates.

Once the Manchester tour is over, the ASF secretariat will concentrate solely on completing tour details.

At this stage it appears certain the tour will not last two months as first suggested.

It seems likely the national team will undertake a four or five-week tour, taking in probably only a few countries, which almost certainly will be Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea and New Guinea.

United tour almost over

Manchester United's Australian tour is almost over: their last two matches will be in Adelaide on Saturday and Perth on Tuesday.

It is doubtful if ever in the past any overseas touring team has created greater interest and won more friends.

Both with their displays on the field and with their open, friendly behaviour off it, the United party have conquered Australia.

Who knows when we will see another player like Bobby Charlton or George Best, when we meet a more charming manager than Busby or hear a more erudite, witty club director than Mr. Haroun.

It is certain that both the Adelaide and Perth matches will be the same soccer festivals as were the others in the Eastern States.

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SECTION 7

These are my forecasts for the following Australian First Division matches, to be played on the weekend of July 1-2. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

NSW	Hakoah v. P. Hellenic
	Polonia v. Melita Eagles
VIC	Hakoah v. Croatia
	George Cross v. Melbourne
SA	Croatia v. Polonia
	Budapest v. Lions
QLD	Latrobe v. Coalstars
	Hollandia v. G. Thistle
WA	Olympic v. Cottesloe
	Windmills v. Swan Athletic

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● Closing date for Section 7: 3 p.m., Saturday, July 1.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The Australia Cup this year will be suspended because of the Australian national team's Asian tour. The series will resume in 1968 with only eight teams taking part — two from Sydney and Melbourne, and one club from Newcastle, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. This year's Sydney premier and Grand Final winner will take part in next season's Australia Cup. All 1968 Cup matches will be played on a "home-and-away" basis, probably during the main season.

MIKE MAZZINA will assist Adauto Iglesias in coaching APIA's first grade team until the end of the season.

Polonia will be strengthened in the next few weeks by two top Polish forwards, KAZIMIR KULAK, from Okecie, and six-time full "A" international MARYAN NORKOWSKI from Polonia Bydgoszcz. Both are just under 30 years of age.

Melita Eagles secretary, NICK BONELLO, will handle all matters concerning the club until president Vince Pisani returns from overseas late in August. This was decided at a farewell party to Pisani which was attended by the Maltese Migrant Attaché in Sydney last week.

MATT BUSBY will not accompany Manchester United to Perth. He will fly to Honolulu for a two-week holiday with his wife straight after the match against South Australia.

CUMBERLAND are far from gloomy about their future prospects. Should they be relegated, they will completely rebuild the team from the highly talented second and third teams.

Prague secretary GEORGE WARNER said this week that they would not invite Slavia Prague to Australia if their Far East tour was in December.

PRAGUE v. S.C.U. 4-4

An entertaining match, despite the atrocious conditions, but the 4-4 draw does not reflect the pattern of a game Prague dominated most of the time.

Playing some brilliant football in attack, Prague were badly let down by their defence, which conceded at least two "gift" goals.

South Coast's defence, too, played poorly and they were lucky to share the points as they had four times less chances than their opponents.

The shakiness of both defences, however, made for an interesting game as both sets of forwards were allowed to create many chances and score goals right defences would never have conceded.

Details:

Prague: King 3 (Earl); Harcombe 3, Moulson 3; Blacker 4, Zeman 3, Scheinfugl 4; Povey 4, Blanco 4, Hoggart 3 (R. Manuel 3), Lissing 3, Gauto 4.

Coach: J. Venglos.

Total: 38.

South Coast: Nuell 3; Carr 3, Salisbury 3; Davies 3, Barnes 4, Barnaba 3; Beattie 3 (Lanski 2); Harrison 3, Barnett 3, Tolson 4, Paterson 4.

Coach: G. Barnett.

Total: 36.

Scorers: Blanco 15 min., Gauto 19 min., Lissing 61 min., R. Manuel 73 min. for Prague; Harrison 18 min., Tolson 25 and 48 mins., Barnett 80 min. for S.C.U.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

Crowd: 300.

— Lou Gautier

Dukla-Prague may tour here in January though there is some opposition to this on political grounds: Dukla are candidates are Sokoloff of St. George-Budapest and Colizso such, darling of the regime.

Polonia defender NOWAKSKI is expected to return to the team after some minor dispute with his club.

APIA's Argentinian RUBEN RIVERO may finish up in Newcastle: Hamilton Azurri are prepared to take over his existing contract for 1967 if there is no transfer fee involved.

MARTIN LANGELAAR, Marconi's regular goalkeeper walked out on the club after a dispute which surely cost Marconi the game against Bankstown. He had to be replaced with a goalkeeper who has not played for four years. Despite this setback, Marconi fought valiantly and were very gallant in defeat.

PAUL MURRAY, Granville's reserve goalkeeper, who was seriously injured against Lane Cove three weeks ago, is still in hospital. He is expected to come out in two weeks time, but he will be out of the game for weeks.

Western Suburbs Soccer Club Ltd. president GEORGE GIBSON would like to see officials of existing and proposed licensed soccer clubs in Sydney meet to discuss their future plans. Gibson feels that ground improvements could be planned progressively, and many clubs being formed could benefit by the experience of others who have become established and successful. Clubs interested could phone Gordon Stratford on 83-8672.

To come from a lowly amateur division to Second Division in one year has not overawed the WESTERN SUBURBS club. Much of the success of the venture is attributable to the closeness of the club directors, led by George Gibson, and the football committee, chaired by former international, Albert de Paoli. The directors include many businessmen from the district, and the playing committee has the active support of such former stars as Jock McMahon and Harry Robertson, plus of course the players on a full time basis of State coach Joe Marston.

JOE GARCIA, the former APIA forward who moved to Juventus-Campania a year ago, returned to Europe three weeks ago.

HORNSBY NORTH END's new ground at West Pennant Hills has been purchased and work on the playing area will start as soon as the weather is favorable for earth moving.

Rumor around Five Dock is that WESTERN SUBURBS will soon be signing some remarkable young talent for next season. West's full-time coach Joe Marston has his eye on one particular player, and club officials feel that their judgement that he has international potential will not be far out.

Polonia are having a bad start with their goalkeepers: DREWNIAK recently underwent abdominal surgery and ROOT has fluid in a knee. The club now hopes to get

effective nor required and all after the transfer deadline, an emergency goalie. The two candidates are Sokoloff of St. George-Budapest and Colizso such, darling of the regime.

The "Champion of Champions" competition will again be staged by the Sydney Metropolitan FA, says secretary BRIAN EMERY. Champion clubs from each Association in grades from under-8 to all-age will be accepted. Associations will have to decide their district winners by the end of August, and the competition will be played in September.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST's licensed club premises will open on June 26.

PRAGUE are the latest Sydney club keen to have their licensed club. The company has already been formed and Praguo have their eyes on a suitable building less than a mile from Marks Field.

BRIAN TRISTRAM, the former Prague, South Coast and Pan Hellenic forward, returned from the UK last Wednesday. Tristram, who is slightly overweight, hopes to play for South Coast soon. He was transferred back to Woonona by Pan Hellenic earlier in the season, after he returned to England.

IVO DJUKIC, Yugoslav's goalkeeper, is in Canada. He left suddenly eight weeks ago without telling the club he was leaving.

For some unknown reason the Manchester United and New South Wales dressing rooms in the Sutton Stand at the Showground were barricaded. Assuming this was for the protection of the players (this was not done in the Scotland and the first Manchester United match) it was neither pro-

South Sydney-Croatia have

decided not to retain Lake Macquarie's DENIS WRIGHT.

The Newcastle youngster, a schoolteacher in Wollongong, could not ar-

range for a transfer to a Sydney school. Under the circumstances Croatia reluctantly transferred him back to Lake Macquarie. Wright, however, is unlikely to play

much soccer this year as he

lives in Wollongong.

NEW DATES FOR POSTPONED TIES

Sydney's deferred First and Second Division matches will all be played in the next three weeks.

Dates for the First Division's postponed games are:

● APIA v. Hakoah tonight (Friday) at Marks Field under floodlights.

● SCU v. Canterbury, Saturday, July 1, at Woonona.

● Polonia v. APIA, Sunday, July 2 at North Sydney Oval.

● Prague v. Pan Hellenic, Sunday, July 9, at Marks Field.

● Cumberland v. St. George-Budapest, Sunday, July 16, at Mona Park.

To accommodate the Polonia-APIA, Prague-Pan Hellenic and Cumberland-St. George deferred games in the crowded program, some changes have been made to the original dates of three matches.

Polonia v. Melita Eagles will now be played on Saturday, July 1, at Mona Park; Prague v. Cumberland-St. George will meet South Sydney-Croatia at Mona Park on Saturday, July 15.

The Second Division's deferred match dates are:

● Cossentians v. Blacktown — Saturday, July 1.

● Hornsby-NE v. Balgownie — Saturday, July 1.

● Lane Cove v. Marconi — Sunday, July 23.

The date of the Blacktown v. Granville game still

has to be determined.

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ACT TWO BEGINS FOR SYDNEY CLUBS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With the Sydney First Division competition turning into the home stretch of return matches what are the prospects of the 12 teams?

What are the "top four" outlooks, which teams have the most to fear from relegation, and what is the likely pattern of the second round?

We have tried to answer all these questions as well as assess past, current and future form of all the teams on the eve of the second round of an absorbing First Division premiership where few issues have yet been resolved.

APIA

In a strong position, still at the top of the ladder with two games in hand, the 1966 premiers' matches against Hakoah and Yugal this weekend — their first in three weeks — will be watched with a certain amount of trepidation by their fans.



ADAUTO IGLESIAS

APIA's last two outings resulted in the loss of three points and all was not well in their star-studded line-up.

The \$4-dollar question now is whether the spell will have done them good or perhaps precipitated their slump since so many of their key players have had tough games against Scotland and Manchester United.

We tend to lean towards the first view as APIA's representative players could only have gained from their clashes in recent internationals and may retain much of the pace shown against the tourists.

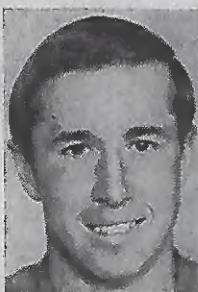
As early as this weekend, perhaps, APIA may go to a commanding lead in the competition and once they've played their other deferred match — against Polonia — we expect them to run away to an unassailable lead and win the league comfortably.

APIA's best player at the halfway mark: Nuttall.

Player to watch in the second round: Watkiss.

Croatia

Five weeks ago, after their splendid victory over APIA, Croatia were on top of the world and even looked like serious championship contenders.



VIC REYNOLDS

The position has now changed as a result of inconsistent displays in the past few matches, and the team is not even assured of a place in the "top four" as

a result of the bunching up at the top of the ladder.

The next couple of games should tell us more on Croatia's prospects.

Still Sydney's most systematic side, capable of a well-drilled 4-3-3 at their best, Croatia must return to the winning list without further delay before their morale is dealt another, perhaps crushing, blow.

With the players, and coach, at their disposal, they can lift themselves out of their current slump and reach the final play-offs, though the first place appears beyond their present capabilities.

Best player: Reynolds.
Player to watch: R. Cus.

St. George-Budapest

On the up and up after a shaky start to the competition, Saints may again prove the toughest hurdle on APIA's road to the title.

St. George seem to have found their second wind, and in recent weeks victories over highly-rated Croatia and Hakoah indicate they will secure a place in the "four".

Cliss' return to form means that Warren need no longer "carry" the forward-line on his slender shoulders alone.

Although all's not perfect in defence, Saints' rearguard has been strengthened by the return of Zuckerman, whose steady influence and constructive passes were missed earlier.



FRANK HAFFEY

Capable of playing attractive football, St. George have a balanced side all round and should play a leading role in the second part of the competition.

Best player: Warren.
Player to watch: Cliss.

Pan Hellenic

Almost unnoticed, without earth-shattering displays, Pan Hellenic have hoisted themselves to a prominent position.



RON BAKER

Their forward-line has played the major part in the club's revival and, for the first time since gaining promotion six years ago, they have a match-winning quintet.

Their forwards, a blend of opportunist strikers and clever schemers, supported by the promptings of Westwater in

midfield, should continue to star. Poles, Gaik and Krawiec score more goals in the weeks to come.

Of the five teams in contention for the four top spots, however, Pan Hellenic strikes us, together with Croatia, as the likeliest to "fold" if the pressure is really on.

They have an inherent weakness in the goalkeeping and one of the fullback positions which may be their undoing when the chips are down.

Best player: Westwater.
Player to watch: Blitz.

Hakoah

Hakoah's fate may be decided this weekend when they tackle APIA in a deferred game on Friday night.

The management poured money into the team, signed up Ninas, Hood, Houze, Micallo and Sambrook, and almost overnight the team started winning.

In fact, the Bees are unbeaten in their last five outings, and should no longer be worried by relegation.

Their defence is still suspect, but the attack compares well with most in the competition, with Ninas and Hood giving the lie to assumptions that they are "over the hill".

Should they win both their matches over the weekend they will consolidate their position at the head of the table.

A defeat against APIA would force Hakoah to limit their ambitions to just edge into the first four.

Hakoah have regained some of their harmony now that their new signings have found their bearings, but their forward-line, despite the budding talents of Baartz and Yaeger, falls short of 1966's attack.

In the second half of the premiership Hakoah may again have to put their faith in their defence to see them through to the finals.

Best player: Marnoch.
Player to watch: Baartz.

Polonia-NS

Polonia are most unlikely to retain the relatively high placing they now occupy at the end of the competition.

Best player: Warren.
Player to watch: Cliss.

Pan Hellenic

Struggling ever since the season began, South Coast are finding it hard to live up to last year's performances when they surprised one and all with the youngest team ever to take the field in NSW.

This year's side is a mixture of youth and experience, but so far the blend hasn't been too successful.

A tight, solid defence has enabled them to avert big defeats.

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Best player: Romanos.
Player to watch: Sambrook.

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Mario Azzopardi

Like all promoted teams the Eagles had to buy many players during the off-season but not all signings were successful.

The club also erred when they failed to secure top quota players and this shortage of local players has plagued the side ever since the start of the competition.

Solid in defence, with

Eaton, Cilia, Falzon, Hunter, Woods and Hewlett, Melita's

forward-line may yet prove

their downfall.

Many combinations have been tried out in attack, but none of them were really successful.

The points they are bound to collect at home in the return round should steer them clear of relegation, but they should finish closer to the bottom than the top of the ladder.

Best player: Tolson.
Player to watch: Nuell.

Prague

The "new look" Prague did not expect an easy sailing this year.

Best player: Eaton.
Player to watch: Multan.

Vlasits has his work cut out as the next months will be no sinecure because relegation still hangs as a sword over the Eagles' heads.

Best player: Eaton.

Player to watch: Multan.

Yugal

The loss of star defenders Lazarevic and Stojanovic, the injuries to Nachovic and Tadic and the "disappearance" of Djukic and Ringhoff played havoc with Yugal this season.

Yugal's basically young team has still to find its bearings this season.

We doubt whether the side can reach a high degree of understanding this year.

Yugal fans seem destined for many worrying weeks until the end of the season as relegation is almost certain to hang over their heads until the very last round.



RAUL BLANCO

This young side, bolstered by some experienced players, is still not an efficient, smooth-running unit and is unlikely to achieve the perfect blend this season.

If they can avoid relegation, as we think they must, they will be far stronger next season.

Prague, at times, played some attractive football in the first round, but lack of strikers in attack proved their downfall on numerous occasions.

Their youthful defence can hold its own in most company but coach Venglos has his work cut out with his forwards.

Prague should be able to sneak in enough points in the return rounds to remain behind the "big five" — and even higher, should one of the top teams falter.

Best player: Scheinfug.
Player to watch: Blacker.

Cumberland

Cumberland have been flirting with disaster for the past three seasons, but relegation has never stared them so directly in the face as this year.

Isolated at the foot of the ladder, three points behind their closest rivals, Cumberland need a near-miracle to survive their latest crisis.

Sadly lacking in class players, the team has little else but courage and determination to recommend it.

Apart from a handful of players like Goldie, Fernie, Keenan, Keddie and promising young goalie Hopkins, Cumberland don't look like a First Division side.



DAVE GOLDIE

Whether they can improve sufficiently to extricate themselves from a very sticky wicket remains to be seen, but we think the task is beyond them.

Best player: Goldie.
Player to watch: Hopkins.

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	8	1	3	8	17	
Croatia	7	3	2	25	15	
St. George	7	1	4	20	15	
Pan Hellenic	6	1	4	26	17	14
Hakoah	6	1	4	26	11	13
Polonia-NS	5	2	5	12	23	10
SCU	3	3	5	21	23	9
Prague	3	3	5	18	22	9
Canterbury	4	1	6	22	27	9
Malita Eagles	3	2	7	13	34	8
Yugal	3	2	7	14	34	8
Cumberland	2	1	8	11	26	5

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	1	2	42	17	17
Pan Hellenic	8	1	2	24	14	17
Croatia	7	2	3	35	16	16
APIA	6	2	4	32	24	14
Cumberland	5	3	3	29	18	13
St. George	4	3	4	29	15	12
Polonia-NS	4	3	4	24	24	12
Malita Eagles	2	3	7	24	46	7
SCU	2	3	6	16	32	7
Canterbury	1	4	7	14	36	3
Yugal	1	1	10	13	53	3

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	10	1	4	43	13	21
Croatia	10	1	4	47	19	21
Prague	6	2	3	35	11	14
St. George	6	3	4	36	18	13
Canterbury	5	2	5	42	21	7
SCU	5	2	4	39	24	12
Hakoah	5	1	5	20	28	11
Pan Hellenic	4	2	5	18	19	10
Polonia-NS	4	1	6	13	19	9
APIA	3	2	5	23	31	8
Malita Eagles	1	1	10	16	38	3
Yugal	1	1	12	7	65	0

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	8	2	2	30	13	18
Granville	6	4	1	33	12	16
Sutherland	6	3	3	22	15	15
Bankstown	6	2	3	29	18	14
Hornsby-NE	4	5	4	27	22	13
Western Subs	3	4	2	22	19	13
Corinthians	5	2	4	13	16	12
Marconi	3	4	4	11	14	12
N. Bankstown	4	1	7	14	19	9
Balgownie	2	3	6	17	27	7
Lane Cove	1	4	6	5	19	6
Blacktown	1	1	8	11	57	1
	1	1	10	13	40	1

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	9	1	2	51	22	18
Western Subs	8	2	3	37	20	18
Manly	7	3	2	37	17	17
Hornsby-NE	8	1	2	35	19	17
Bankstown	7	2	2	34	11	16
Granville	7	4	3	36	25	14
Marconi	5	2	5	42	34	13
N. Bankstown	4	2	5	27	29	10
Corinthians	3	1	7	12	31	7
Blacktown	1	2	8	11	57	4
Lane Cove	1	1	10	13	40	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grade)
Prague v. SCU	2-0 0-0

SECOND DIVISION	(First and Second Grade)
Bankstown v. Marconi	2-1 1-1
Lane Cove v. Sutherland	0-2 1-4

LEADING SCORERS

Karyannis (P. Hellenic)	10
Giacometti (APIA)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Warren (St. George)	9
Baetz (Hakoah)	8
Logan (P. Hellenic)	8
Hood (Canterbury)	7
Gold (SCU)	7
Natalis (Canterbury)	7
J. Alagich (Yugal)	6
Blue (APIA)	5
F. Cus (Croatia)	5
Harrison (SCU)	5

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES

PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTHIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
APIA v. Hakoah	1	1	1	1	1	X
Canterbury v. Prague	1	1	1	1	X	1
St. George v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1
SCU v. Croatia	1	X	2	X	2	X
P. Hellenic v. Cum'lnd	1	1	1	1	1	1
M. Eagles v. Hakoah	X	2	2	X	2	2
Yugal v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nth. Banks. v. Hornsby	2	2	2	X	2	2
Blacktown v. Balgownie	2	2	2	2	X	2
Sutherland v. Bankstown	2	2	X	X	1	X
W. Subs. v. Lane Cove	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marconi v. Manly	2	2	2	2	2	2
Granville v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1

DOUBLE-HURDLE COULD MAKE OR BREAK HAKOAH

— By PAUL DEAN —

After the rich food of international soccer of recent weeks, Sydney returns to a somewhat sobering, staple diet: the premiership.

It will be interesting to see how the spells, irregular matches and trainings will have affected the form of our teams.

Counting Friday night, there will be seven matches this weekend.

These are the outlooks:

APIA v. Hakoah

Both teams appear to have lost some of their sharpness and neither competition spell nor the heavy call on their representative stars is likely to improve things.

In their last five competition matches the best result Hakoah could register was a draw.

Quite a number of starters are either injured or out of form: Nuttall, Rorke, Fuses and Hillson are the best examples.

APIA's overall strength usually helps them out and this could again be the case.

Hakoah looked somewhat jaded a fortnight ago and this tips the balance further in APIA's favor.

Canterbury v. Prague

One has to go back to 1958 to find the last time Canterbury scored a competition win over their once mighty rivals.

However, in recent months the Blues have been dramatically revitalised and as a result, have collected nine points in their last five games.

With both the defence and the attack very strongly peped up, Canterbury will now present a stiff hurdle to all teams.

Prague, while still playing basically good, attractive football, somehow lack the presence of one or two outstanding individuals.

So far neither Scheinfus nor Blanco or Gauke have been able to assume the mantle of a playmaker.

Canterbury, riding the crest of a wave, are slightly favoured though a draw wouldn't surprise.

St. George v. Polonia-NS

Regardless of their fluctuating fortunes, these two teams have always fought close battles in the past: twice Polonia won, three times St. George while twice it was a draw but never was the winning margin more than two goals.

Polonia's revival under new coach Nick Szegedi appears to have been short-lived: in recent weeks they suffered some very heavy defeats, due to defensive weaknesses, particularly in the goalkeeping position.

St. George, unbeaten since their clash with Pan Hellenic, are gradually creeping up towards the top and are achieving this with excellent team-work.

They can win even when their star forwards, Warren and Fernandez are out of touch — surely a sign of a balanced side.

While the result may again be close, it should go in St. George's favor.

South Coast v. Croatia

It's hard to believe but it's true: out of their nine competition clashes in the past Croatia managed to win only against South Coast.

However, in recent months the arrival of Joe Vlasits as coach, have grabbed three points in two games and are clearly determined to grab even more to buy some security for the home run.

Their scope is limited through the average class of their players but their spirit cannot be doubted.

And the way things are going with them just now,

they shouldn't be too certain of improving this record.

Apparently Croatia's 4-2-4 system is far from stable and the absence of some key players — Curry, Sloan, Giles — easily upsets their method.

South Coast, while a good way below the strength of their teams in the "Kelly-era," are dangerous opponents with a lot of enthusiasm and a fair measure of skill.

At their Woonona home they will not be an easy prey and could well keep at least one of the points.

Pan Hellenic v. Cumberland

Probably because of the similarity in their styles but possessing more skill, Pan Hellenic usually have their opponents' measure.

This could again be the case especially since Hellenic are in good form and Cumberland are having their worst season ever.

Led by Westwater, Cole and Blitz, Pan Hellenic are likely to storm their way through most of the game.

Thus, in the end, should net them both points.

But they should be cautious: Cumberland, getting desperate at the bottom of the table, will from now on fight for every ball and won't be too particular where they cause an upset.

Neither Dunaj's vast experience, nor Rafanelli's skill or Alagich's speed are sufficient to hold this team together.

It's true that APIA will have played a tough match two days earlier — but even that shouldn't be enough to serve as a leveller.

Superior in every department of the game, APIA must be hot favorites to win and win rather well.

APIA v. Hakoah

St. George v. Pan Hellenic

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ROUND THE WORLD

Third Lanark disbands

Third Lanark, the Scottish club steeped in tradition, has disbanded 92 years after its foundation. Third Lanark have been experiencing great difficulties since World War II and were so much in the red they had to close shop last month. Third Lanark were Scottish champions in 1904 and Cup winners in 1889 and 1905.

Germany's surprise team

Eintracht Braunschweig, West Germany's new champions, will extend their 40,000 capacity stadium for next season's European Champions' Cup matches. Braunschweig were founded in 1885 and had never won a single title of any kind before their surprise league title this year. At the start of the season, their coach, Helmut Johanssen, was actually afraid of relegation and expected, if all went well, to finish in 10th place.

He's free to go

Thus ends a career... Former Arsenal star Mel Charles, brother of "King" John, has received a free clearance from Fourth Division Port Vale where the manager is Stan Matthews. Charles was transferred only recently to Port Vale from Welsh League club Portmadoc for \$3800.

England plans campaign

England have already planned their 1970 World Cup campaign, three years ahead. Determined to retain the Jules Rimet Trophy, the English will leave no stone unturned to acclimate their players to the high altitude which will await them in Mexico. Four weeks before the World Cup finals England will play Spain in Madrid at 2,200 ft. altitude, then proceed to Caracas and play Venezuela at 3,800 ft. before going to Bogota for a game against Colombia at 7,500 ft. The team will only arrive in Mexico, altitude 7,000 ft., one week before their first game.

World Cup plans

Intending participants in the 1970 World Cup must send in their entries to FIFA before December 31 this year. The draw for the elimination rounds will be made on January 10-11 next year at Zurich. All elimination matches will be played between April 1, 1968, and December 31, 1969. FIFA announced last week that the 1970 finals would start on May 31 and the final would be played on June 21. A goalkeeper can be replaced at any time and a field player until halftime during the next World Cup finals — an innovation long overdue.



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Former Sydney star Alick Jeffrey signed a new two-year contract with Doncaster Rovers. However, the club just relegated to Fourth Division is undergoing considerable changes: manager Keith Kettleborough has been sacked and seven players, including all three goalies, have been transfer listed.

● Italy's Under-23 side beat their Austrian counterparts 2-1 at Udine last week.

● Bayern Munchen won the West German Cup. They beat Hamburger SV 4-0 in the final at Stuttgart before a crowd of 70,000.

● Lyon, the French club, have offered Torino \$100,000 for their French international centre-forward Nestor Combin. The Argentinian-born Combin played for Lyon three years ago before transferring to Varese in Italy.

● Munchen 1860's German international forward, Konietzka, has been transferred to Swiss club, FC Zurich.

● The Italian First Division produced an average of only 2.01 goals last season. Never have fewer goals ever been scored in all the history of Italian soccer.

● FC Basel, who toured Australia in 1964, have won the Swiss championship. They also won the Swiss Cup this season.

● Celtic will take part in the annual Costa del Sol tournament in Malaga, Spain, in August. Manchester United, our current visitors, have also been invited, along with Barcelona and Racing Buenos Aires of Argentina.

● Sporting Lisbon have started negotiations with Benfica for their star international centre-forward Torres.

● Eintracht Braunschweig, the newly-crowned West German champions, are currently touring the USA where they will meet Juventus (Italy) and Chelsea.

● Scotland beat the Vancouver All Stars 4-1 in the new Vancouver Stadium last week a mere 10 hours after their 33-hour flight from New Zealand.

● As a result of their European Cupwinners' Cup victory, Bayern Munchen's membership increased by 3,700. The Bavarian club now has 7,628 "socios" — more than any other German club. Their local rivals, Munchen 1860, have 6,731 paying supporters.

● Fortuna Gelsen won Holland's "Fair Play Trophy," which every year rewards the country's most sporting soccer team.

● Daring Brussels have signed Englishman Brian Etheridge from Brentford.

● Sobotta, Bienne's Czech coach, is retiring for a year to take a long rest. Sobotta, a World Cup finalist with Czechoslovakia in 1934, was FC Basel's coach when the Swiss toured Australia three years ago.

● Only one European player has won both the European Champions' and Cupwinners' Cup. He is Aurelio Milani, who won the Champions' Cup with Inter Milan in 1964, and the Cupwinners' Cup in 1961 with Fiorentina.

● Chelsea's Peter Bonetti has now established himself as the number one goalkeeper in Sir Alf Ramsey's book. He is certain to replace Gordon Banks in most future internationals.

● Gornik Zabrze won the Polish First Division title for the fifth consecutive season last week.

● Alfredo Di Stefano was presented with a cheque for \$50,000 last week, the total gate-takings of his recent testimonial match in Madrid between his former team and Celtic.

● AS Roma, last year's Australian "tourists," beat Spain's Barcelona 2-1 in a friendly match in Rome last week. Enzo scored both goals.

● The Middle East conflict forced the cancellation of the finals of the World Army Championships which were to be held last week in Irak between Belgium, Holland, Turkey and Morocco.

● Colo Colo (Chile) beat River Plate (Argentina) 1-0 and Racing Buenos Aires defeated Universidad Lima (Peru) 2-1 in Group A semifinals of the South American Champions' Cup.

● This year's annual Paris tournament will oppose Racing Sedan and Nantes of France to Benfica and Ajax Amsterdam.

● Bulgaria beat East Germany 3-2 in a European Cup Under-23 international.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP: Sweden 2-2; Bulgaria 2-2; USSR 0-2; Austria 4-3.

FAIR CITIES' CUP (semifinal): Dinamo Zagreb v. Eintracht Frankfurt 4-0 (Dinamo qualified to meet Leeds in final with 4-3 aggregate).

MITROPA CUP: Ujpest v. FFK Austria 2-1 (Ujpest will meet Spartak Trnava of Czechoslovakia in the final).

GREECE: Ethnikos v. Olympiakos 3-3; AEK v. Proleti 4-3; Panathinaikos v. Heraklis 2-0; Aris v. Apollon 1-0; Iraklis v. Vizas 4-3; PAOK v. Panionios 2-1; Panterrasikos v. Pierikos 2-1; Veria v. Egaleo 1-3. Olympiakos won the championship.

HUNGARY: Pecs v. Ujpest 1-1; Szombathely v. Györ 2-1.

ITALY (Cup final): AC Milan 0-0; Padua 1-0.

PORTUGAL (Cup): Samoense v. Porto 2-2; Beira Mar v. Braga 0-0; Leixoes 0-0; Sernbal 0-3.

YUGOSLAVIA: Velez v. OFK Belgrade 0-3; Red Star 1-0; Trikala v. Vizas 4-3; Vardar 2-1; Rijeka v. Dinamo Zagreb 3-2; Radnicki v. Celik 1-0; Zagreb v. Sutjeska 2-1; Olimpija v. Zeljeznicar 3-2; Hajduk v. Partizan Belgrade 2-1.

Another loss for Inter

Inter Milan's runs of disastrous "outs" continued last week with their shock elimination from the Italian Cup, their last hope of a berth in a European club competition outside the Fair Cities' Cup in which they are certain to take part in 1967-68. Inter lost their Cup semifinal to Second Division Padua 2-3. In the other semi AC Milan beat new League champions Juventus 2-1 after extra-time, then Padua 1-0 in the final.

Brazil's new squad

Brazil have selected the following players for their first match since the World Cup finals last year: Felix, Raul, Jorge Luiz, Elverado, Sadi, Jurandy, Clovis, Scala, Dias, Piazza, Dirceu Lopez; Paulo Borges, Natal, Alcindo, Levinha, Tostao, Iair, Vilémir. Pele declined selection in this very young squad which only includes two of last year's World Cup players — Alcindo and Tostao. Brazil will meet Uruguay on June 25 and 26 at Montevideo in the Rio Branco Cup, a traditional series between the two countries.

"Spaghetti king's" tournament

A New York millionaire, Enzo Magnozzi, has invited Real Madrid, Santos, Inter Milan and Juventus Turin to take part in a tournament in New York between August 25 and September 1. Magnozzi, America's "spaghetti king," is willing to spend \$120,000 of his own money to guarantee the teams' appearances.

West German statistics

The recently ended West German Bundesliga competition attracted 7,548,000 spectators. The average of 24,000 people per game was about the same as last season. VfB Stuttgart drew the most spectators to their home matches — 508,000. Champions Eintracht Braunschweig attracted 451,000 fans to their matches. Fortuna Dusseldorf, who finished second last and were relegated, were the second top drawcards at home with 486,000 spectators.

England's Expo win

England's national team, minus many World Cup stars, won the Expo '67 Tournament in Montreal, Canada. England beat Borussia Dortmund 3-2 (1-1 at halftime) in the final. In the play-off for third place Standard Liege (Belgium) defeated Mexico's national side 1-0. The tournament was a big flop financially. The biggest crowd which turned up was 8,800 and the organisers are expected to show a loss of \$75,000.

Ajax Amsterdam's "double"

Ajax Amsterdam became the first Dutch club to win the double. Ajax, the league champions, also won the Dutch Cup last week with a 2-1 win, after extra-time, over NAC. The losers, however, will represent Holland in next season's European Cupwinners' Cup.

Sparta, Slovan tops

Sparta Prague and Slovan Bratislava, the crack sides Australian fans saw in action in 1966 and 1967, filled the first two places at the top of the Czechoslovakian First Division ladder. Sparta ran out competition winners, four points ahead of Slovan. Trnava were third, Dukla only fourth, collapsing in their last three matches after holding the lead only three weeks before the end. Brno and Hradec Kralove were relegated.

"Goleador" Greaves

Jimmy Greaves of Tottenham can claim a unique record; he finished the season as his club's top marksman for the 10th consecutive year. He accomplished this four times with Chelsea and six times with Tottenham.

● East Germany trounced Greece 5-0 in an Olympic qualifying match last week.

● West Ham star Jim Standen is likely to accept an offer from the breakaway US club Detroit Tigers.

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BEST WILL TEST WEST IN ADELAIDE CLASH

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

South Australia, chasing a miracle win over Manchester United, have chosen only one player who has not previously represented the State, for Saturday's big "international" at the Olympic Sports Field.

The newcomer is Croatia's Russel, whose presence on the sideline will prevent a recurrence of the Melbourne embarrassment when SA had no centre half replacement for injured Eugen Lovell.

The former Crystal Palace attacker will be one of SA's three strikers. Rab Jones and John Novak will complete the front line of the home team's 4-3-3 system.

Of the side which crashed to Victoria 0-4, he is undoubtedly SA's most outstanding young prospect and will probably be given the vital sweeper role.

The return to top club form by Tommy McColl and Peter Worthington, last Saturday, will serve as much needed encouragement.

The unenviable task of trying to contain George Best may fall to SA captain, Peter West.

The anticipated record crowd are hoping to see Denis Law, United's and Scotland's goalscorer, in action.

The SA team in general and giant stopper, Novak in particular, would be the few exceptions who prefer that Law not play on Saturday.

SA supporters will be torn between two desires. They are straining at the leash to enjoy the superb artistry of United, yet most are anxious to see SA quit themselves creditably.

Former Irish international, Tom Forde, as coach and selectors, Alec Hastings and Adrian Deckers, have lent their vast technical knowledge and advice to the squad for almost three months.

MELBOURNE RESULTS

Melbourne-HSC retained their one point lead by beating Hakoah 2-1 last weekend.

These were last week's Victorian State League results:

Juventus 4 (Bell 2, Barbaza, Millar) d Polonia 1 (Kowalec).

Croatia 2 (Mackay, Friganovic) d Alexander 1 (Fokianos).

Slavia 2 (Reid, Lockton) d. Makedonia 1 (Currie).

Hellas 5 (Nestorides 3, Kokkinos 2) d. Lions 0.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A
Melbourne	8	1	2	21	9
Juventus	7	2	2	19	9
Hellas	6	2	3	25	12
Slavia	6	2	3	25	12
Croatia	5	3	3	25	16
Polonia	5	2	4	19	15
Lions	5	1	5	18	12
JUST	5	1	5	18	27
Lions	3	2	6	13	19
George Cross	2	3	6	17	24
Makedonia	2	1	6	15	20
Alexander	2	0	9	30	4

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Adeelaide results

Last week's matches in Adelaide went according to form and no shocks were recorded.

ALL AUST. RESULTS

VICTORIA

Division One: Edx Hill 2, Sunshine 1; Wilhelmmina 3, Athena 0; Tresties 0, St. Albans 0; Coburg 4, Dandenong 2, Sandringham 1; Austria 2; Springvale 2, Frankston 0.

Division Two: Albion 3, Sunshine 1; Park Rangers 1, Alton 4; Ferree Tree 7, Prahran 0; Bayswater 0, Brighton 1; Richmond 2, Alex 0; Ringwood 0, Frankston 0.

Division Three: Croydon 2, Waverley 5; Kelso 3, Essendon 1; Heidelberg 3, Moorabbin 0; Flinders 4, Glenroy 1; St. Kilda 1; Cheltenham 2, Yarraville 1; Herne Hill 2, Footscray 1; Yallourn 7; Moorabbin 6, Doncaster 6; Monash 3, Newport 0; Heidelberg 6; Olympic 2, Clayton 2; Rosebud 0, Mornington 1.

NSW NORTHERN

Division One: Onehunga 6, Weston 0; Cardiff 4, Wallsend 2; Newcastle 3, L. Macquarie 0; Wallsend 4, Hamilton 2.

Division Two: Cessnock 0, P. Holland 1; Jasmond 1, New Lambton, pastime 0 (ground); Ferry Young, Wallsend 2; Alva 3; S. Wallsend 2; Mayfield 4; Maitland 5, Dudley 1.

QUEENSLAND

Division One: Holland 4, Oxley 3; Holland 1, Coalfields 2; Lutro 4; Merton 4; Thistle 0, St. Helens 1.

Division Two: Azzurri 8, Dapro 0; Budapest 1, Annerley 0; Easts 3, GAP 2; Bardon 2, Germany 5; Polonia 3; Mitchelton 1; Wynnum 2; Newmarket 4.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Division Two: Campbelltown 0, v. Cumberland 1; Azzurri 5; Sturt 1; Beograd 0, Malta 0; South Adelaide 0; Birkdale 7; Windsor 3, Wakefield 1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

State League: Swan Ath. 1, Cottesloe 3; Windmills 3, Cranbrook 3; Olympia 3; Azzurri 3; Perth 3; Tricolore 2; Cockburn 0; Swan Valley 2.

Division Two: Dalmatia 1, Klev 2; Caledonian 0; Subiaco 2; Julie 4; Macca 1; Scarboro, byre, Athena 1; University 3.

TASMANIA

Southern: Juventus 3, Croatia 2; Calies 1, Rapids 1; Rangers 1, Olympia 5; Eagles 2, S. Hobart 2.

North-western: Devonport 5, Spartans 1; Rovers 1, Ulverstone 2.

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UNITED WERE PUSHED BY SKILLED NSW TEAM

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Those who have seen all the matches of Manchester United so far claim their Sydney performance last Sunday to be their best.

In beating NSW 3-1, Manchester were forced to abandon their half-paced style.

Nobody can seriously claim, of course, that this was Manchester United in full flight; no touring team, no matter what they promise, can ever concentrate on a game the same way they would at home in a league fixture.

But Manchester this time were hard pressed and certainly couldn't take things too easy.

This point is best illustrated by the fact that possibly for the first time Australian fans saw most Manchester defenders in action.

Paragon

Bob Charlton, this unique paragon of all soccer virtues, had his best tour match so far.

This time he was a real field commander, despatching his troops, beckoning them for a retreat and occasionally bursting through with the ball

Stiles had to be close to on his own; his two splendid goals were merely bonuses.

George Best, I thought, somewhat overdid his dribbling solos, obviously trying to entertain the crowd and seemingly annoying his teammates.

He is a marvellous player, spectacular and colorful and it would be a real treat to watch him in action when the chips are down.

But I couldn't help being spellbound by the mature, polished, intelligent display of young Brian Kidd, Manchester's 18-year-old starlet.

This well-built fellow should walk into Ramsey's England team within a year, I rate him above Hurst, Hunt, Peters and other current favorites.

In fact, he is showing even

more promise than Osgood

did in 1965 — yet Osgood is now a "Ramsey certainty."

The NSW team played well

better than the Sydney XI

and Australia against Scotland.

Joe Marston, the NSW coach characterised perhaps

by his team's performance the best when, after the clash, he

innocently remarked:

"Never before in my life have I been congratulated by so many after a losing match."

Although it was again the defence that stood out in the local team — this is inevitable against superior opposition — this time the forwards also showed enterprise and some cohesion.

First goal

They were certainly far from outclassed and fully deserved the distinction of actually scoring the first goal against United on this tour.

Details:

NSW: Corry, Lincoln, Van Blerk, Hughes, Marnoch, Watkiss, Alagh, Baartz, Warren, Westwater, Giacometti.

Manchester United: Steppen, Brennan, Dunne, Fitzpatrick, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Sadler, Charlton, Kidd, Aston.

Scorers: Charlton 35 and 75 mins, Foulkes 69 min. for United; Hughes 87 min. for NSW.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 36,500.

BOBBY DAZZLED SYDNEY CROWD

Bobby Charlton captured the hearts of 37,000 spectators at the Showground last Sunday with possibly the finest individual display ever seen in Sydney.

Europe's graceful "Foot-baller of the Year" was the brightest star of an entertaining match which provided a welter of top class displays on both sides.

This is how we saw the players and referee perform:

NSW

CORRY alternated the good with the bad. Made some brilliant saves, but also dropped many balls and was lucky not to concede more goals.

LINCOLN held his man well, made a minimum of mistakes and must have earned himself a permanent place in future national and State squads.

VAN BLERK started shakily against the dazzling Best, but improved as the game progressed. Too vigorous, at times, however.

HUGHES again showed his class with a superb display, both in defence and in attack. Set up countless promising moves and capped a magnificent display with a great goal.

MARNOCH was a tower of strength in the middle of the NSW defence. Solid and reliable, his heading and tackling were invaluable.

WATKISS had another fine game, although he was slightly less prominent than in the first match. Covered the midfield well. Always calm and cool.

ALAGICH rarely put his great speed to good use. Too static and passive, he failed to participate fully in the match.

BAARTZ, again the best local forward, did his utmost to set his attack in motion.

motion, but lacked support and was left to fend for himself in a sea of United defenders — which he did with typical dynamism.

WARREN has played much better. Was almost always a fraction too slow getting into position. Tried his utmost, but lacked confidence.

WESTWATER, assigned a defensive role in the first half, was more prominent after the interval in an attacking role which he filled well.

GIACOMETTI saw little of the ball. Rarely displayed his usual club football fervescence.

Manchester United

STEPNEY was seldom in real bother though he was called upon to make a few fine saves.

BRENNAN, a polished defender was always ice-cool. Intricated himself from every dangerous situation with finesse rather than strength.

DUNNE, untroubled by the timid Alagh, had the liberty of action to make many sorties among his forwards, often linking up in attack.

FITZPATRICK has obviously modelled himself on Siles. A tough, aggressive defender, he never retreated an inch but still has to mature fully.

FOULKES often wandered up front and was rewarded with an opportunist goal. A tower of strength also in the midst of his airtight defence.

STILES was his old self. Aggressive and deadly efficient in breaking up many attacks, he also set up chances for his forwards with constructive passes.

BEST was again the inimitable ball artist who sent the crowd into raptures. The perfect showman, his diabolical dribbles and fantastic acceleration brought delighted roars from the crowd whenever he got near to the ball.

SADLER may have been the least spectacular United forward, but his midfield "grafting" was more than useful.

CHARLTON, the complete footballer, was an enchantment. In defence or in attack he was the centre of all eyes as he controlled the midfield with supreme elegance or unleashed thunderbolt drives at goal.

KIDD played with the aplomb of a veteran. The "baby" of the team oozed with the prodigious class which must soon take him to the very top.

ASTON, a useful, speedy winger was a master at deadly crosses, one of which resulted in United's first goal.

Referee A. BOSKOVIC was firm and alert. He played the advantage rule and helped make this a match to remember. L.G.

BIG MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

— BY ALAN SPEERS —

In contrast to their clash with Sydney XI (when all three goals came in the first half) Manchester United established clear superiority over NSW only in the second half of a close, always interesting match.

Here are some of the highlights of the game:

3:2: Westwater provides the pro-NWSW crowd with a brief moment of exultation, neatly sweeping the ball into the net from close range. But the "goal" is disallowed, referee Boskovic correctly ruling that Giacometti has handled.

3:5: Marnoch's clearance starts a concerted NSW attack with Alagh streaking away down the right before centering. The ball is cleared away by the Manchester defence.

3:10: Corry safely covers a shot by Saddler, after Best, the will-o'-the-wisp, easily "seeps" Van Blerk.

3:20: Lincoln's fine positional sense, a feature of his play throughout the match, stands him in good stead as he clears a shot from Saddler off his goal-line.

3:30: Corry earns even Best's admiration as he stretches full length to save a thundering shot by the little Irishman.

3:37: Manchester's first goal. Aston draws the NSW defence, cuts the ball sharply back to Charlton, whose left-footed drive finds the back of the NSW net.

3:59: United, having established only the odd-goal lead, almost score a minute after the resumption when Saddler's shot hits the bottom of the post.

4:10: Steppen, with a purely instinctive save, illustrates just why Manchester paid \$165,000 for him, turning Baartz's shot over the bar.

4:11: NSW has a lucky let-off when Corry dives to gather Kidd's shot, but manages only to push it on.

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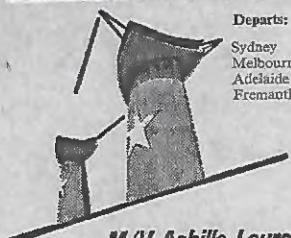
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